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| For: FRYERS WHICH DEACTIVATE |) | | |
| BEFORE A LEVEL OF A COOKING |) | | |
| MEDIUM FALLS BELOW A |) | | |
| MINIMUM LEVEL, AND METHODS |) | | |
| OF DEACTIVATING SUCH FRYERS |) | | |

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the following remarks:

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